

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising:

(a) at least one synthetic resin selected from the group consisting of homopolymers and copolymers of ethylene, propylene, styrene, vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride, acrylic acid, alkyl acrylates, methacrylic acid, alkyl methacrylates, acrylonitrile, vinyl acetate, vinyl alcohol, isoprene, chloroprene, vinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride, tetrafluoroethylene, copolymers of ethylene and alpha-olefins, copolymers of propylene and alpha-olefins other than propylene, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl acrylates, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl methacrylates, copolymers of styrene, butadiene and rubber, copolymers of acrylonitrile and butadiene, copolymers of styrene and acrylonitrile, copolymers of acrylonitrile, butadiene and styrene, copolymers of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene, polyesters, polyamides, polyurethanes, polycarbonates, polyphenylene ethers, polyimides, polyamide imides, polybenzimidazoles, polyalkylene oxides, polyetherether ketones, polyether sulfones, polyisocyanates, and polyphenylene sulfides; and

(b) at least one filler comprising (b1) at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to  $15\text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and (b2) at least one surface-active agent and/or at least one coating agent.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin is a copolymer of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride containing at least 40 % by weight of vinylidene chloride.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin is a copolymer of vinylidene chloride and methyl acrylate containing at least 60 % by weight of vinylidene chloride.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic substance is in the state of particles with a mean diameter less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the filler in the composition is greater than or equal to 0.5 % by weight and is less than or equal to 10 % by weight.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic substance is calcium carbonate precipitated by carbonation of milk of lime.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surface-active agent is selected from the group consisting of alkyl sulphates, arylsulphonates, alkyl sulphosuccinates and mixtures of at least two of these.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the coating agent is selected from the group consisting of fatty acids having a number of carbon atoms greater than or equal to 6 and less than or equal to 26, and mixtures of at least two of these.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a composition according to Claim 1, according to which a synthetic resin is prepared and at least one filler is added

thereto, the filler comprising (a) at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to 15 m<sup>2</sup>/g and (b) at least one surface-active agent and/or at least one coating agent.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 9, according to which the synthetic resin is prepared by an aqueous emulsion polymerization method or by an aqueous suspension polymerization method.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 9 according to which, following polymerization, an aqueous emulsion of the resin or an aqueous suspension of the resin is collected or the resin is isolated in the form of a solid.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 9, wherein the filler is added in the form of a solid, a moist cake or an aqueous slurry.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the resin is isolated in the form of a solid and the filler is added thereto in the form of a solid, substantially in the absence of liquid.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein an aqueous emulsion of the resin is collected, the filler is added thereto in the form of an aqueous slurry and the emulsion is coagulated, by adding a coagulating agent.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 14, wherein the coagulating agent is a metal salt.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 16, wherein the metal salt is an aluminum salt.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A method for the production of films which comprises the use of a composition according to Claim 1.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18 for producing films by blown-film extrusion.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (New): A film comprising the composition according to Claim 1.

Claim 22 (New): A film consisting of the composition according to Claim 1 and at least one of plasticizer, liquid heat stabilizer and wax.

Claim 23 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to 15 m<sup>2</sup>/g has a specific surface area of greater than 50 and less than or equal to 100 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Claim 24 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to 15 m<sup>2</sup>/g has a specific surface area of from greater than or equal to 70 and less than or equal to 90 m<sup>2</sup>/g.